

School Board Reduces Staff

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music periods in neighboring school systems and the conclusion that Cohasset gave considerably more time. She felt that the music staff had not been correspondingly reduced with declining enrollments. Aside from vocal music, she said, students at Deer Hill can elect instrumental music and band.

England made a similar motion to split an art teacher between the two elementary schools, but that vote was de-

feated, 4-1. England also suggested several strategies to cut art staff; elementary school teachers could take on the teaching of both music and art and high school personnel could be shared with the lower grades.

Maloney responded by pointing out the difficulty of scheduling "a three and four track program" at the high school which would be further complicated by travel time a teacher would need to go back and forth between schools.

"If we are able to offer culturally good classes, we have to have the teachers available in the schedule when the students are. It is not feasible for good instrumental purposes."

The necessity of art programs in the lower grades was outlined by guidance counselor Jack O'Leary who said that motor and perceptual skills and difficulties were often picked up and remedied in art classes. Maloney added, "Art awareness and creativity has to start in the elementary school, not secondary school."

Another motion by Walsh to reduce second grade staff from four to three was defeated by a 4-1 vote. The motion was not well taken by both members of the Committee and administrators present at the meeting. Committee member Jack Langmaid, Deer Hill principal Ken-

neth Eckberg and Joseph Osgood principal Jack Creamer all referred to research that had substantiated the importance of a low pupil-teacher ratio in Grades 1 and 2. Walsh said she knew the motion would not pass, but considering the dropping enrollments in the lower grades, staff reduction at the second grade should at least be consciously acknowledged.

Several comments were made

that the budget was not really zero budgeted because \$21,000 had to be additionally allocated to cover salary increases for non-union employees and heat, electricity and high school maintenance costs.

Business Manager John Rafferty indicated that the latest staff reductions will save approximately \$16,000, now leaving the budget \$5,400 over the zero increase goal.

Sign Up For Swimming

The Recreation Department will accept registrations over the phone through Friday, Jan. 26, for a recreational swim program, for all residents, at the MDC Pool in Weymouth.

Bus transportation will be provided to Weymouth leaving the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings, and returning at about 9:30 p.m. Swim time in the pool is from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday evenings, for eight weeks, beginning Feb. 1.

The cost of the program is \$15 per person for the entire eight-week session. Children aged eight and under and non-swimmers of all ages must be accompanied by an adult swimmer. The Recreation Department will supply a WSI/CPR chaperone/guard for the program.

The program will be limited to 50 individuals and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. A minimum of 47 individuals will be required to conduct the program. We will have the exclusive use of the pool for the entire hour and one half each week. Non-residents will be accepted if any space is left after 4 p.m. Jan. 26.

YOGA CLASSES

The Recreation Department will also accept, over the phone, registrations for Yoga classes to be held Wednesday nights at the Town Hall Auditorium. Beginner classes only will be conducted this session at a fee of \$8 for eight one-hour classes. The program is open to individuals aged 13 and over. Non-residents will be accepted in this and most

programs on a space available basis.

Late registrations for most programs registered Jan. 2 will be accepted.

St.; Joseph Berkeley to O'Neill Realty Trust, Lantern Lane; John Crandell et ux to Margaret Smart, Little Harbor; and Eleanor Humphreys to Gary Kearney et ux, Pleasant Street.



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Children's Stories At The Library

The Friends of Cohasset Library have planned a children's program for Saturday, Jan. 13. Acting Place Truckin' Company's Storytime Theater of Beverly, Massachusetts will be at the Unitarian Parish House on Jan. 13 at 1:30 p.m. to present the Baba Yaga stories.

This program will appeal primarily to children in grades 1 through 6. Audience participation in acting out the stories is encouraged.